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PIERCE-SMITH/GILLESPIE TELCON, 1530 EDT , 27 MARCH;  
EMTEL 2583.

1. FURTHER YOUR INQUIRY RE JOHN PATTERSON'S DEPARTMENTAL ANTI-KIDNAPPING TRAINING, 12 MEMBERS OF HIS 107TH JUNIOR OFFICER CLASS STILL IN WASHINGTON WERE QUERIED ON THEIR RECOLLECTIONS OF THEIR SECURITY BRIEFING. WITH THIS INFORMATION AND EARLIER SY REPORTS PASSED TO EMBASSY IN REF TELCONS, WE CAN CONFIRM THAT JOHN PATTERSON WAS PRESENT FOR THE 8 HOUR SECURITY BRIEFING ON JUNE 20, 1973. SY HAS HIS SIGNED STATEMENT, AND SEVERAL CLASSMATES RECALL HIS PRESENCE.

2. WALT SARGEANT (A/SY) COVERED USG 'NO RANSOM' POLICY DURING THE QUESTION PERIOD OF THAT SESSION. ALMOST ALL CLASSMATES VOLUNTEERED THE QUOTE, "IF YOU ARE KIDNAPPED, THE USG WILL NOT PAY YOUR RANSOM." MOST CLASSMATES FELT THAT OTHER EFFORTS WOULD BE MADE TO EFFECT THEIR SAFE RE-  
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LEASE, BUT THERE WAS NO CLEAR CONSENSUS ON THE SPECIFIC

NATURE OF THOSE EFFORTS. SOME REPORTED FEELING THAT, "YOU WOULD BE PART OF A TEAM THAT WOULD DO EVERYTHING THEY COULD TO GET YOU OUT," WHILE OTHERS FELT THAT, "IF CAPTURED, YOU WERE MORE OR LESS ON YOUR OWN."

3. THE 1973 HAITI, KHARTOUM, AND GUADALAJARA CASES WERE FAMILIAR TO MOST OF HIS CLASSMATES AS CASE-HISTORY EXAMPLES GIVEN IN THE SY BRIEFING AND AS 107TH CLASS SCUTTLEBUTT. ONE CLASSMATE SAID, "EVERYONE KNEW ABOUT KIDNAPPING AND OUR GOVERNMENT'S 'NO RANSOM POLICY,' IT WAS A VERY TOPICAL SUBJECT AT THAT TIME." ANOTHER SAID, "I CAN'T UNDERSTAND HOW ANYONE IN THAT CLASS WOULD NOT KNOW ABOUT KIDNAPPING AND THE 'NO-RANSOM' POLICY."

4. TWO CLASSMATES NOTED IT WAS IRONIC THAT PATTERSON WOULD BE KIDNAPPED IN HERMOSILLO. HIS WIFE HAD SEEMED RELIEVED WHEN THEY WERE CHANGED FROM SANTIAGO TO HERMOSILLO, AND HAD EXPRESSED GREAT CONCERN OVER THE KIDNAPPING RISK IN SANTIAGO FOLLOWING THE INITIAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF ASSIGNMENTS.

5. MIKE JOHN, JUNIOR OFFICER TRAINING DIRECTOR MENTIONED THAT JOHN PATTERSON, CAME TO HIM NEAR THE END OF THE BASIC COURSE WITH A SERIOUS CONCERN THAT A COURT CASE MIGHT ARISE CHALLENGING EARLIER COURT DECISION AWARDED CUSTODY OF JULIA ALLEDORT TO PATTERSONS. PATTERSON RAISED THIS IN CONTEXT THAT IT MIGHT NECESSITATE AN ASSIGNMENT CLOSE TO THE U.S.

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